

**Amendments to the Specification:**

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Please insert the following paragraph on page 5, line 1:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS**

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

Please replace the abstract beginning on page 9, line 1 with the amended abstract on the following separate page.

## ABSTRACT

In the present method, ~~the~~ a partial flow is guided through a partial flow line (2) connected downstream of ~~the~~ an exhaust gas outlet (1a) of ~~the~~ an internal combustion engine (1), and is immediately thereafter supplied to ~~the~~ an internal combustion engine (1) either via a first valve (3), a bypass line (5) which is connected directly downstream and a recirculation line (7). Alternatively, the partial exhaust gas flow can be supplied to the internal combustion engine via a second valve (4), a radiator (6) which is connected directly downstream and a recirculation line (7). The first valve (3) and the second valve (4) are opened or closed as a function of the exhaust gas conditions, this being monitored by a sensor (8). A device for carrying out the method is also ~~a subject of the invention~~ disclosed.